GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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ALLOCATION OF COAL BLOCKS TO WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any request from the State Government of West Bengal to allocate coal blocks to facilitate the operation of steel companies which are investing in the State;

(b) if so. the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (c) : Yes, Sir. Ministry has been receiving requests from the Government of West Bengal for allocation of coal blocks in the State of West Bengal to meet requirement of companies with committed investment for setting up end use plants in that Slate. Out of the 16 coal blocks requested for allocation by the State Government of West Bengal. 6 coal blocks with geological reserve of about 1307.17 million tonnes have already been allocated to West Bengal Mineral Development Trading Corporation to meet the requirement of various industries including those of steel companies.